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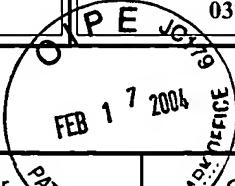
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Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies¹ of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

Applicants wish to point out that items 1-9 were cited in an European Search Report, dated November 10, 2003, of a corresponding EP Application No. 99925253.9, a copy of which is attached along with a copy of this art. The other items mentioned on this Search Report were already cited in the present application (i.e. U.S. Patent No. 4,630,202; article

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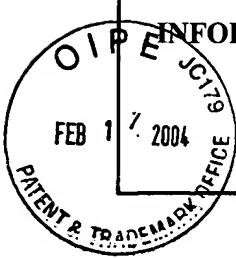
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